

ABSTRACT

- 5           The inventive drinking vessels are prepared by stretch blow-molding a preform and exhibit increased Rigidity as well as elevated, preferably relatively uniform crystallinity. A preferred method of making blow-molded stackable drinking vessels includes expanding a preform both axially and radially to make an intermediate article with a neck, a transition portion and a tumbler portion. The
- 10 transition portion and neck are severed from the tumbler which is then fortified around its upper aperture which is larger than its base.